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7. AT 19TH GC WE WILL ALSO FACE PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO). OUR USUAL PROBLEMS WITH THIS ISSUE ARE COMPLICATED BY DG M'BOW'S PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP OF NIEO. IN BASIC UNESCO PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR MEDIUM-TERM (1977-82) AND NEXT BIENNium, BOTH OF WHICH REQUIRE 19TH GC APPROVAL AND ARE FIRST TO BEAR M'BOW'S IMPRIMATUR, M'BOW HAS MADE IT CLEAR HE CONSIDERS UNESCO'S TOP PRIORITY TO BE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF NIEO, WHICH HE CONCEIVES OF AS EMBRACING NOT ONLY ECONOMIC BUT SOCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH APPRECIATIVE OF SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND COMPROMISE OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA, M'BOW SOMETIMES APPEARS TO FAVOR THE CONFRONTATIONAL SPIRIT OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND 29TH GA. THIS HAWKISHNESS MAY REFLECT M'BOW'S DESIRE TO BE THIRD WORLD'S PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN IN UN SYSTEM. (FYI: HE IS WIDELY RUMORED TO HAVE HIS SIGHTS ON UN SYG JOB. END FYI.) IN ANY EVENT, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR U. S. DEL. TO GET ACROSS OUR POSITION ON NIEO AND RELATED ISSUES WITHOUT APPEARING TO BE UNDERMINING M'BOW'S PET PROJECTS. SITUATION FURTHER COMPLICATED BY OUR NEED FOR M'BOW'S SUPPORT IN SEEKING TO REVERSE AT LEAST SOME OF 18TH GC'S ANTI-ISRAEL ACTIONS AND BY BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS OF M'BOW'S THIRD WORLD CHAMPIONING, CONTRASTED WITH OUR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES AND TRADITIONAL OPPOSITION TO UNESCO'S BURGEONING BUDGETS -- FROM 134 MILLION IN 1972 TO 235 MILLION (PROPOSED) IN 1976.

8. OTHER ISSUES THAT COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES AT 19TH GC:

(A) CHARGES -- AND COUNTERCHARGES -- OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SOVIETS (ITEM PROPOSED BY CHILE) AND BY CHILE (ITEM PROPOSED BY ALGERIA, CUBA , IRAQ AND YUGOSLAVIA).

(B) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AIMED AT MAKING GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALS THE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND EXPANDING PRESENT 40-MEMBER BOARD TO PROVIDE INCREASED THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATION. (AT PRESENT TIME, 51 AFRICAN STATES HAVE 13 SEATS; 26 LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN STATES HAVE 7; 21 ASIAN STATES HAVE 6; 11 EE'S HAVE 4 AND 28 WEO'S HAVE 10.)

(C) PROBABLE MEMBERSHIP BID BY ANGOLA. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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